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SUBJ: SOVIETS CONTINUE BULLISH ON SUMMIT RESULTS

1. PUBLICATION IN SOVIET PRESS JULY 6 OF STRONGLY
POSITIVE CPSU POLITBURO EVALUATION OF SUMMIT SETS
TONE FOR SPATE OF WEEKEND PRESS ACCOUNTS WHICH CONTINUE
TO PAINT THIRD HIGH-LEVEL MEETING IN ROSY COLORS.

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2. POLITBURO RESOLUTION IS COMPARABLE IN TONE TO SIMILAR DOCUMENT FOLLOWING LAST YEAR'S SUMMIT; BOTH ARE MORE UPBEAT THAN CAUTIOUS 1972 VERSION. POLITBURO (TOGETHER WITH PRESIDUM OF SUPREME SOVIET AND COUNCIL OF MINISTERS) SEES 1974 MEETING AS "A MAJOR MILESTONE" IN THE HISTORY OF BILATERAL RELATIONS - A FORMULATION THAT PROVIDES FAVORABLE GLOSS WHILE INTRODUCING THEME OF CONTINUITY OF SUMMITS. WITH REGARD TO SOVIET LEADERSHIP, THIS YEAR'S DOCUMENT IS MORE COLLEGIAL THAN LAST YEAR'S WHICH USED BREZHNEV'S SOLO VISIT TO U.S. AS A MEANS OF REFERRING TO HIS "PERSONAL CONTRIBUTION" IN VERY FIRST PARAGRAPH. CURIOUSLY, 1974 DOCUMENT -- UNLIKE 1973 VERSION -- DOES NOT MENTION "IRREVERSIBILITY" OF DETENTE.

3. POLITBURO EVALUATION PUTS 1974 SUMMIT IN CONTEXT OF BASIC LINE SET BY 1972 AND 1973 MEETINGS. IT EMPHASIZES IMPORTANCE OF ARMS CONTROL AGREEMENTS/ CITING ABM PROTOCOL, UNDERGROUND TEST TREATY, AGREEMENT ON NEW APPROACH TO OFFENSIVE WEAPONS, AND CHEMICAL WARFARE INITIATIVE, IN THAT ORDER. OVERALL WEEKEND PRESS PLAY ALSO GIVES PRIMARY IMPORTANCE TO ARMS CONTROL ASPECTS OF SUMMIT. IN REFERRING TO U.S. COMMENTARIES (E.G., RESTON PIECE AND NEW YORK TIMES EDITORIAL), SOVIET PRESS HAS SO FAR GIVEN LITTLE INDICATION THAT ARMS CONTROL ASPECTS OF SUMMIT ARE NOT FULLY APPROVED BY U.S. EDITORIALISTS.

4. ON INTERNATIONAL ISSUES POLITBURO RESOLUTION SINGLES OUT CSCE AND MIDDLE EAST. ON CSCE, IT NOTES APPROVAL OF BOTH SIDES FOR EARLY CSCE CONCLUSION AT SUMMIT LEVEL WITHOUT REFERRING TO CAVEATS IN COMMUNIQUE; OTHER PRESS ACCOUNTS ARE EVEN MORE CATEGORICAL IN CLAIMING U.S. ACCEPTANCE OF THIRD-STAGE SUMMIT. ON MIDDLE EAST, POLITBURO DOCUMENT DEPARTS FROM COMMUNIQUE IN REFERRING TO "CERTAIN SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS" RATHER THAN TO 338. IT REPEATS COMMUNIQUE REFERENCES TO PALESTINIANS AND TO RIGHT TO EXISTENCE OF ALL STATES IN AREA, BUT OMITTS LANGUAGE ON EARLY RESUMPTION OF WORK OF GENEVA PEACE CONFERENCE. GENEVA LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TIMING IS, HOWEVER, STRESSED IN PRAVDA'S INTERNATIONAL REVIEW JULY 7.

5. PLAYBACK OF U.S. PRESS REACTION, AS NOTED PARA 3 ABOVE, ACCENTUATES THE POSITIVE AND VIRTUALLY ELIMINATES THE NEGATIVE. AN INFORMAL POLL OF U.S. NEWSPAPER EDITORS BY PRAVDA'S WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT (PRAVDA, JULY 6) TURNED UP UNANIMOUS APPROVAL EXCEPT FOR AN

ADMISSION OF THE EDITOR OF THE CHARLOTTE OBSERVER THAT NORTH CAROLINA STILL HAS A FEW COLD WARRIORS. ALLEGED FOES OF DETENTE (JACKSON, GOLDWATER, MEANY, AND MOORER) CONTINUE TO BE REFERRED TO, BUT NOT AS REPRESENTATIVES OF AN IMPORTANT BODY OF OPINION. SCHLESINGER IS NOT NOW BEING MENTIONED IN A NEGATIVE LIGHT; IT MAY BE THAT THE WORD HAS GONE OUT TO STOP CRITICIZING HIM PUBLICLY.

6. WE HAVE SEEN NO SOVIET PRESS REFLECTION OF THE LINE THAT SOVIET JOURNALISTS HAVE BEEN PUSHING PRIVATELY TO U.S. NEWSMEN AND DIPLOMATS --THAT THE PRESIDENT'S DOMESTIC SITUATION PREVENTED MORE BEING ACCOMPLISHED ON OFFENSIVE STRATEGIC ARMS. THERE IS A HING, HOWEVER, OF PRESIDENT'S DOMESTIC PROBLEMS IN A TASS ACCOUNT OF GUS HALL'S REPORT TO CPUSA CENTRAL COMMITTEE PLENUM (PRAVDA, JULY 8). FOLLOWING DESCRIPTION OF INFLATION, RACISM, AND OTHER ILLS PLAGUING U.S., HALL IS QUOTED AS SAYING: "CURRENT MOMENT REQUIRES FROM US A FILLING OF THIS VACUUM IN THE LEADERSHIP."
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